

- I. **Call to Order:** The RDA Board meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. CST on Thursday, September 18, 2014 with Chairman Donald P. Fesko presiding.
- II. **Roll Call:** Present: Chairman Donald P. Fesko, Harley Snyder, Ed Glover, Jeff Good, Bill Joiner, Randy Palmateer and Tom Dabertin Seven members were present constituting a quorum.
- III. **General Public Comment:** *None*
- IV. **Consent Agenda:** R. Palmateer motioned to approve the consent agenda with a second by B Joiner. All were in favor and the motion was approved.
 - a. **Minutes of the Board Meeting of July 17, 2014:** **Approved**
 - b. **Budget: Amendments to 2014 Administrative Budget** **Approved**
 - c. **Contracts: American Stair** **Approved**
 - d. **Contracts: Modern Forge** **Approved**
- V. **Presentation: Feasibility Studies Report- Trauma Center and Academic Learning Center:** David Blish discussed the following:
 - a. **Project Structure**
 - b. **Recommendations Summary and Key Findings-** according to the findings for trauma services and an academic medical center, D. Blish reported utilizing existing facilities in Lake and Porter counties. D. Blish also stated that a GME program providing up to 36 residency positions should be developed and established in Lake and Porter counties using existing facilities in a coordinated approach.
 - c. **Current Situation**
 - d. **Next Steps:** D. Blish stated that the next steps are to:
 - 1. Form a Task Force committee to begin discussing next steps to bring designated trauma and graduate medical education to Lake and Porter counties.
 - 2. Perform further analysis on which specialties should be the initial focus of the GME program.

T. Dabertin motioned to approve the feasibility studies report with a second by B. Joiner. All were in favor and the motion was approved.
- VI. **Actions on Recommendations from Fiscal Task Force:**
 - a. **Recommendations:**
 - Matching Funds: Marquette Plan TOD/Land Availability /Waterway Access Grant:** S. Ziller reported that this grant would assist the RDA in partnership with NIRPC to match a Lake Michigan Coastal Program grant for a total of \$80,000 to study land availability for transit development and waterway access to support the ongoing vision of the Marquette Plan. This study is geared towards implementing the open space and access goals of the Marquette Plan through parcel analysis and this will provide a clearer road map for how the region could reach its goal of 75% shoreline access. The results of this study will assist their RDA in their efforts to identify TOD opportunities as they relate to our Lakefront improvement projects along Lake Michigan. The study will also provide recommendations for maintaining and financing the Marquette area's existing and future assets.

S. Ziller asked for recommendation for a \$20,000 Cash Match, \$20,000 In-Kind Services. The RDA will contract with the NIRPC to undertake the work elements of this study and work with Long range planner, Regional Planner and GIS Analyst. \$20,000 of this will come in the form of hard dollars and

\$20,000 will come in the form of in-kind technical assistance by Policy Analytics, for the purposes real estate inventory and property analysis.

B.Joiner motioned to approve the recommendation with a second by R. Palmateer. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

VII. Project Status Review:

a. Surface Transportation:

i. **Update:** *None*

b. Shoreline Redevelopment:

i. **Update:** *None*

c. Expansion of the Gary Airport:

i. **Update:** *None*

d. Economic Development:

i. **Update:** *None*

e. **RDA Operations:** S. Ziller reported that the RDA's Fiscal Year 2013 annual report is available for review. After the Board meeting, the RDA will post the annual report along with the KSM report on our website.

S. Ziller also reported that the RDA will solicit for proposals for a CPA firm to complete the RDA's 2015 financial audit. That solicitation should go out by the second week of October 2014.

DI. Unfinished Business:

i. **Update:** *None*

DII. New Business:

i. **Other:** *None*

DIII. 2013 Future Meeting Planning: The quarterly Board structure and the monthly Working Groups are reflected in the planning calendar.

DIV. General Public Comment: *None*

DV. Adjournment: Without further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Jakubin